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Application of Chen Xu, et al.  
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For PRESERVING SOLDERABILITY AND INHIBITING WHISKER GROWTH IN  
TIN SURFACES OF ELECTRONIC COMPONENTS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS,

SIR:

Please enter the following amendments prior to the  
calculation of the fee in the present application.

**Amendment to the Specification** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.